

U.S. Department of Transportation Overview

The Department of Transportation is the Federal steward of the Nation's transportation system and speaks for transportation in the Federal government. Created in 1967, DOT brought under one umbrella a myriad of transportation missions and programs, some of which have been in existence since the 1700s. The Department employs about 100,000 civilian and military people deployed across the country and the world. It includes the Office of the Secretary as well as the following operating administrations:

- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- Maritime Administration
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Research and Special Programs Administration
- United States Coast Guard
- St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
- Bureau of Transportation Statistics
- Surface Transportation Board
- Transportation Administrative Service Center

These organizations operate under a Departmental mission and a commitment to create the best possible integrated air, land, sea, and space transportation system for America. The Department stands at the crossroads not only of two centuries, but of two ages. Imagination, dedication, flexibility, and perseverance will be essential as we search for paths which will enable us to span successfully the Industrial Age and the Information Age. Meeting tomorrow's transportation challenges by building on the framework of today will be a formidable undertaking.

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